--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Division Open "A 69" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - lithographed in blue ink - inscribed "NOT MORE THAN / 1/20 / ENTRY" in the value panel ---

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

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John McKay records that 85,100 *lithographed* copies of "1-20 Blue Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886), and then he also lists 137,900 *lithographed* copies of "Not more than 1-20th Blue Tobacco" as 'Delivered' under the same 3rd BABN Contract. I can find no difference in the 1-20th pound Division "Open" and the "Montreal" Division strips, both of which are inscribed **NOT MORE THAN - 1/20 - ENTRY**.

John McKay *does not* record the printing of the 1/20th pound blue "Series of 1883" anywhere in the report. I presume that this initial entry of 85,100 strips of "1/20th Blue Ribbon Tobacco" is from the "Series of 1883", and should have been recorded as *recess printed* by hand press.

John McKay reports that 294,347 *lithographed* copies of "1/20 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). This final section of the McKay 4th Contract Report has been reserved for the *obsolete* 1880-81 tobacco strips 'Delivered' by BABN to the Department for disposal in February / March 1888.

3rd BABN Contract (1878 - 1886) -	137,900
4th BABN Contract (1886 - 1892) -	294,347
	432,247

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1/20th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

1/20th pound, Division Open - A 69	**051143**
1/20th pound, Montreal Division - M 69	**092010**
	143,153

The catalogue lists the 1/20th pound, blue, Division Open "A 69" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-333 - 1/20th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 69, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

RP-333n - 1/20th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 69"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-333 - 1/20th pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

Some of the early 1/20th pound Division Open strips (control numbered around **004000**) occur with a manuscript red ***8*** in the value panel and are dated *1882*. These strips appear to be 'local' 1/8 (two ounce) provisional strips originating from *Halifax*.

RP-333 - *8* on 1/20th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 69"**, control number **004827**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - used in ***18*** *82*, Entry No. *9576* - from Halifax N.S.

RP-333 - 1/20th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 69"**, control number **025202**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

RP-333 - 1/20th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open **"A 69"**, control number **047990**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - clipped from a wide margin top or bottom copy?

004611	1882	RP-333	***8*** over 1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh wove Dated *1882*, Entry No. *9576*
004742★	1882	RP-333	***8*** over 1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh wove Dated *1882*, Entry No. *9576*
004827★	1882	RP-333	***8*** over 1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh wove Dated *1882*, Entry No. *9576*
025202★		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030297		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030304		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030306		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030314		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030317		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030324		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
030370		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
047139-40		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
047904		RP-333 CP	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect
047978		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
047987		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
047990★		RP-333	1/20th pound, *imperforate*, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect clipped from a wide margin top or bottom copy?
048041		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
048043-50		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
048073-80		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
048129		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051101		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051126		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051143		RP-333	1/20th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, As such I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/20th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open **"A 69"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - clipped from a wide margin copy?

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